

Colchester Agriculture Commission

Monday July 20, 2015 – 7:00 PM

Town Hall Meeting Room 3

MEETING MINUTES – D. Rosenblatt

PRESENT COMMISSION MEMBERS: C. Bourque, D. Wasniewski, A. Zimmerman,

O. Duksa, D. Rosenblatt

PRESENT ALTERNATES: C. Csere, L. Curtis

BOARD OF SELECTMAN LIAISON TO AGRICULTURE COMMISSION: S. Soby

Meeting began at 7:02

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Motion to change agenda to reflect the date of Minutes to read “May 18, 2015”.

Motion Approved.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURE COMMISSION ON May 18th, 2015

Motion Approved.

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D. Bourque
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CITIZEN’S COMMENTS:

No comments

CHAIR REPORT: C. Bourque

Mr. Bourque will make available a paper on sustainable agriculture based on animals and their natural relationship with nature.

AG GRANTS:

SIGNAGE ON COLCHESTER FARMS: Colchester will make available signs to be attached to existing street signs guiding people to area farms.

The signs will be available on Colchester streets only. Those farms on state routes must apply to the state.

Grant to subsidize this signage will need to be written and submitted by the October 31st deadline

C. Bourque will contact the town of Canterbury, who already has these signs in place, to see how they worded the criteria for the definition of “farm” and to obtain a copy of the grant that they completed.

L. Curtis will contact Colchester Public Works to determine who actually makes the signs, the cost of the signs and the cost of installing the signs.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TOWN PLANNING DEPT AND AG COMMISSION:

C. Bourque initiated the discussion as to how the Agriculture Commission could assist new agriculture in Colchester by helping new applicants: identifying proper applications, helping to clarify needs pertaining to agriculture and define requirements for any application related to agriculture.

S. Soby indicated that currently, any applicant could contact the Planning and Zoning Office and request a “Pre-development meeting” that would assist the applicant in providing all necessary documentation for any applications.

Several members of the Commission suggested that Planning and Zoning should include a page on top of agricultural structures or development applications that would refer the applicant to contact the Agriculture Commission for any assistance.

The current Planner is leaving at the end of July. When the new planner has been assigned/hired, the Agriculture Commission will invite him/her to the soonest available meeting to see if this introductory document could be included in the application packet.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 PM

Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM